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My dear Sam:

A storm threatening yesterday. I brought out with me your letter of 8th with the enclosed nap, and as it has been snowing ever since and a cold rain just setting in I shall not leave my comfortable working quarters here to-day. I took a little cold two days ago and a cough commenced similar to the one with which I left here in Decem. last for S. F.

All the different branches of our family are as well as usual - colds off and on among the children of course. Manima is the exception - well one this winter. She complains only of increasing flesh which however is so solid as marble almost. Her health is perfect. I have written nothing of the sickness of Berenice or the approaching wedding (28th) at Tombstone knowing that if not pushed directly you will be thro' Genl. as to all doings there. I wrote your minds as to him and yourself - in very fair condition which is only a fairly satisfactory report. I hope your cough is gone.

could see me at my office. This means a renewal of negotiations, and while Mamma does not want the Canal to cross the property on any terms, the Co. is determined to cross and for me to undertake to fight them in the Courts during the summer and in the Legislature during the winter is almost equivalent to going up my life to it. I found, in the South at Trenton, that the Hater Co. has the whole West Jersey R. R. influence behind it - the Presidents of the two companies - Walter & George Hood - being brothers and their positions being interchangeable. The attorney of the Hater Co. in addition, is a Democratic politician and the N. J. Legislature is, I fear, hopelessly Democratic. It was only by splitting that interest in the Senate this winter that the Hater Co. bill was kept out of their House. It seems to me that we should accept the unctional crossing of the Canal as inevitable and make the best terms with the Co. now while they have the hot end of the poker - not only with reference to money damages but stipulations as to construction and facilities, reserved rights &c.

Mamma still wishes to go with me to "the coast" this spring. Says she promised to go and see you and that she wants to do so, but it will be a pretty rough trip for her to reach Jamaica Camp - altho she I know can be made very comfortable while there & would enjoy her stay with you very much -
(Uights are passing in considerable numbers

I can advise him after my conference with Church
in April whether he shall go on in May or await our
arrival therefore a decision as to future work.
I think you had better postpone your trip to
the lower country until you meet me in May.
Whitworth advised me that the meeting for
organization is not mandatory within the period
named - and that even if it was, two can meet and
adjourn - his friend in the same building himself.
However this is a matter for intermediate conference.
Simcox seems to be fairly settled at S. Antonio, Tex.
If you could find it convenient to write me a
weekly letter it would be a satisfaction and
they need not be long. I think that is a
natural division - is often enough for reports
and not too often. I shall be glad to get
the further one you promise in that of 8th.
I did not get anything between Feb 14th &
March 2nd letters. Geo. R. Foster later in July
but his letter and yours of 2nd came in same mail.
Your notice of Meeting on 15th came duly to hand.
and I shall look for a letter with reference to that
before 20th. I expect to be in Washington from
22nd to 25th as the bill will be passed by the
House about that time - after all the obstruction
that the dissenting Democrats can throw in the way.
The Republicans will take but little part in this
matter until it comes to voting when all but a few
will vote against the bill. My special interest in
the House proceedings is to get the bill into a shape
that will be acceptable to the Federal men in the Senate
where we have a small majority on a final tie.